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Sent via email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information, which was received on 5 April 2024, to confirm, in accordance with S.1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not hold the information that you require.

For ease of reference your request is set out below and my response follows.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

I am emailing to request information concerning the activities NHS Wales has taken to satisfy the requirements of the Memorandum of Understanding on Conversion Therapy in the UK - Version 2 - Update November 2022.

In the section entitled "Roles and responsibilities", paragraph 7 states that "Signing this document commits signatory organisations to draw up an action plan to proactively implement the relevant actions below". The "relevant actions" are given in paragraphs 8 to 19 inclusive and paragraphs 20 to 23 inclusive in the section entitled "Review & Research". They include:

- Board level support in carrying out the commitments within the MoU.
- The provision of training and/or guidelines stating the relevant over-arching principles in their statements of ethical practice.
- Ensure that they do not commission or provide conversion therapy.
- Ensure access to the latest information regarding conversion therapy is available.
- Make Continuous Professional Development events available to develop therapists understanding and cultural competence in working with gender and sexually diverse clients.
- Work with other organisations to create a shared information resource on conversion therapy.

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- Ensure training prepares therapists to have sufficient levels of cultural competence.
- Review current guidelines and policies and consider the need to include requirements to demonstrate awareness and understanding of policy regarding conversion therapy.
- Raise awareness of the basis of concern about ongoing practice of conversion therapy.

Under "Review & Research", signatory organisations must also:

- Meet regularly to oversee the implementation of the MoU.
- Monitor progress towards realising the MoU's goals and intentions.
- Within the next 5 years (i.e. by 2027) carry out research into the prevalence and effects of conversion therapy in the UK.
- Endeavour to keep abreast of international developments in addressing conversion therapy.

As a signatory to the MoU (which was signed by NHS Wales on behalf of all Health Boards in Wales), please send me your current action plan to proactively implement the relevant actions required by the MoU.

Powys Response:

I can confirm that NHS Wales has not delegated the Memorandum of Understanding to Health Board level. I suggest you contact NHS Wales via the link below for further information:

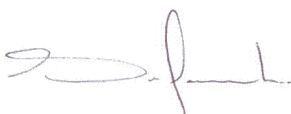
[Freedom of Information - NHS Wales](#)

I can also confirm that Powys Teaching Health Board does not offer or commission conversion therapy.

Under the terms of the Health Board's Freedom of Information procedure, individuals seeking access to recorded information held by the Health Board are entitled to request an internal review of the handling of their requests. If you would like to complain about the Health Board's handling of your request, please contact us directly at the address below or register your complaint via powysfoi.foi@wales.nhs.uk

If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 0330 414 6421.

Yours sincerely



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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yng Nghymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb y fath ohebiaeth yng Nghymraeg ac ni fydd hyn yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. We will reply to such correspondence in Welsh and this will not lead to a delay.